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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Richard Richley et al.)
Application No. 10/518,423)
Filed: December 17, 2004) Group Art Unit: 3774
For: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR)
MINIMALLY INVASIVE TREATMENT)
OF DEGENERATED SPINAL DISCS)
Examiner: Alvin J. Stewart) Attorney Docket No. TDYNE-305

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) AND §1.17

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A three-month extension of time in the above-identified application, i.e., to and including
October 27, 2009, is respectfully requested.

There is submitted herewith the following:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL, together with an
authorization to charge our Deposit Account for the required fee of \$405.00.

Please charge the required fee of \$555.00 for a three-month extension of time to our Deposit
Account No. 15-0508.

Kindly charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment concerning this matter to our
Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

Respectfully submitted,

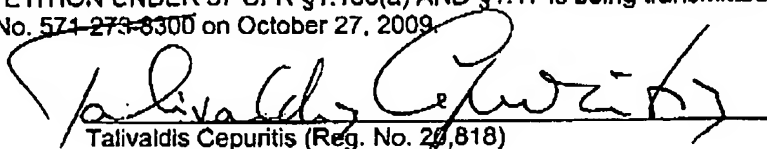
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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) AND §1.17 is being transmitted
by facsimile transmission to Fax No. 571-273-8300 on October 27, 2009.


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